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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD

Letter dated 25 April 2002 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the secretariat of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission

I have the honour to transmit herewith the address of the representative of the community of the occupied Kalbajar district of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Security Council, the Commission on Human Rights and the Committee on Legal Issues and Human Rights of the Council of Europe.

I would be grateful if you could circulate the present letter and the attached information* as an official document of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights under agenda item 9, "Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world".

(Signed) Murad NAJAFOV
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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ADDRESS

of the representatives of the community of the occupied Kalbajar district of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Security Council, UN Commission on Human Rights and Committee on Legal Issues and Human Rights of the Council of Europe

The participants of today's meeting would like to state that 9 years have elapsed since the occupation of Kalbajar by Armenian aggressors. Our spiteful neighbors who claim on Azerbaijani lands have perpetrated genocide against our people, committed ethnic cleansing, tried to implement their plans of establishing "Great Armenia" stage by stage at the expense of our eternal and perpetual lands for more than 200 years as soon as they got a chance. Occupation of Kalbajar at the end of March – beginning of April of 1993 is the continuation of genocide policy against Azeris.

In the night from 7 to 8 April 1992 Armenian fascists as the continuation of Khojaly genocide destroyed village Agdaban which consisted of 130 houses, burning it entirely in order to intermediate people living in the blockade situation, to disperse them from their houses. 779 civil people living in the village were subject to carnage perpetrated by Armenians, 62 civil and military people were killed, of which 8 were old people of age 90-100, 2 were children, 7 were women. 5 persons were taken hostages, 2 persons are still missing, 12 persons were severely injured. There was not precedent of brutality and savagery committed by Armenians who had been trying to be known as a suffering and oppressed nation in the world. Armenians who did not have any mercy on anybody and anything burned 4 old men and women in the fire lively. While leaving village Agdaban they plundered all the precious objects, cattle that had belonged to Azeri people.

We are sure that, some day will come when the present leaders and previous heads of the occupied Nagorno Karabakh region of Azerbaijan, people who lead Armenia at present time will account for this massacre as the military criminals in front of the International Justice Court.

At the end of March – beginning of April of 1993 Armenian Armed Forces started open military aggression and large scale attacks against Kalbajar, "castle gate" of Azerbaijan. In a short period more than 50000 people were expelled from the lands of their ancestors as a result of brutal aggression. Kalbajar district with the territory of 1936 square kilometers and population of 50000 people, as well as Kalbajar town with the population of 10000 people, resort "Istisu", 129 villages were occupied. More than 500 industrial, building, trade, public catering establishments, 96 general education schools, 9 kindergartens, 48 clubs, 124 libraries, 12 culture houses, 12 hospitals, 56 stations of doctor's assistant, 8 ambulance stations, 13000 dwelling houses, 54 collective and state farms were plundered and taken away to Armenia. 100000 cattle, 500000 ship and goats, 5000 horses, 1 million domestic birds, 50000 bee families, 130 cars of different types, 59000 sets of furniture, 26000 domestic objects (refrigerator, TV set etc.) were seized by the enemy.

Generally, the result of Armenian aggression caused the material damage to the state and the people estimated in 761 million US dollars according to the prices of 1961.

As a result of the occupation of Kalbajar 238 civil citizens were killed, 321 were missed or taken hostage and altogether 511 people from all over the district became martyrs of whom 265 people were militants and 246 people were civil citizens. 6 of 125 missing civil citizens were minors. There is no information on their whereabouts up to now. Armenian fascists keep and cover-up those terrible genocide acts from the world community, heartily speak about artificial genocide of Armenians in the world, as well as scream and present themselves as destitute people. But they try to stay calm on and hide their crimes in front of mankind.

These bloody acts, brutality, terrible crimes of Armenians against humanity will never be forgotten. It will not be erased from the memory of our nation and will be branded as a bloody page to our history. We are sure that, those who were guilty of this terrible tragedy, military criminals whose hands became dirty of the blood of our nation, the then and contemporary heads of the occupied Nagorno Karabakh region of Azerbaijan and Armenia by all means will be accountable in front of history and mankind.

On behalf of 58000 people whose rights were violated as a result of Armenian aggression and who found asylum in the 58 districts and 707 residential districts the participants of today's "Commemoration" meeting call for and demand of the UN Security Council, UN High Commission on Human Rights and Committee on Legal Issues and Human Rights of the Council of Europe unconditional provision of UN Security Council Resolution No822 concerning the occupation of Kalbajar and the resolutions No 853,874 and 884 concerning the occupation of other areas of Azerbaijan and ensure withdrawal of Armenian armed forces from the occupied territories and implementation of the resolutions by aggressive and occupant Republic of Armenia, to assist in return of Azeri displaced persons expelled by armed way to their homes. We hope our voice of justice will be heard by powerful International Organisations and occupants, aggressors and people who committed terror acts against our lands will be subjected to their deserved punishment.

We request you to help Heydar Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the peaceful solution of the most painful and long lasting Nagorno-Karabakh conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, to stand for protection of oppressed rights of Azeri people and assist in provision of our rights to live in our own territories.

Address was adopted at the "Commemoration" meeting devoted to the 9th anniversary of Kalbajar tragedy, 02 April 2002

On behalf of the participants of the "Commemoration" meeting:

Head of Executive Power of Kalbajar district of the Republic of Azerbaijan

S.I.AKBAROV
(Signature)

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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, INCLUDING PALESTINE

Letter dated 23 April 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Please find enclosed herewith three official memorandums issued by the Palestinian National Authority on:

1. The recent Israeli escalation against President Yasser Arafat's compound.

2. Sharon's plans against President Yasser Arafat's headquarters.

3. The continued Israeli escalation and barbaric aggression against the Palestinian people.

I would be grateful if you could have the three mentioned memorandums* distributed as official documents of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights, under agenda item 8.

(Signed): Nabil RAMLAWI
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

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MEMORANDUM TO ALL NATIONS

We would like to bring your attention to the following recent Israeli escalation against President Yasser Arafat's compound:

1- the Israeli occupation forces created a buffer zone around President Arafat's compound, all roads leading to the compound have been closed and cut by cement blocks, ditches, dirt blocks, and barbed wires that turned the compound into prison.

2- The occupation forces continue to jam all kind of communications with the President's compound.

3- On April 22, 2002, the Israeli Government prevented the Palestinian delegation from attending the meeting between President Arafat and U.S. Under Secretary William Burns.

These measures and practices indicate that the Israeli Government is determined to pursue the destruction of the Palestinian Authority, including a real threat on the life of its elected President Arafat.

This could be the next phase in Sharon's War against the Palestinian people, for in the first phase he destroyed the Palestinian civilian and security infrastructures.

The plan to liquidate the Palestinian Authority and its elected President and the destruction of all Palestinian institutions, may be followed by Israeli illusions to create an alternative leadership in order to carry out the surrender of the Palestinian people, especially that the Israeli Government cancelled all agreements signed, including "A" areas which were effectively transferred into "B" areas.

We call upon all of you to confront and stop these dangerous developments, especially that the new stage of the Israeli aggression will be to harvest political gains of the state terror and the war crimes committed against the Palestinian people, institutions, cities, villages, refugee camps and our holy Christian and Muslim sites.

This dangerous development is parallel to the Israeli Government continued siege of the church of Nativity in Bethlehem and the prevention of water, food and medical supplies from reaching 200 people including priests and nuns inside the church.

A MEMORANDUM TO THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION

The statement attributed to the President Bush on individuals present at the President's Headquarters, and whom Israel wants to arrest in violation of agreements signed, such statements could be exploited by the Sharon's government and used as a pretext for executing plans against the President's Headquarters. We would like to clarify that the mentioned persons have been actually in prison, as they were arrested on 21/2/2002 in the city of Nablus and they were transferred to Ramallah, in coordination with guarantees from Israel, US and Europe, and with the knowledge of Egypt, Jordan, Russia and the UN. Hence, all what has been said on this issue contradicts with these guarantees secured by the US. From the legal point of view, the agreements signed with Israel do not grant it the right to ask for such a demand, as they are still under investigation and will be prosecuted in Ramallah as soon as the situation returns to its normality. This issue has been discussed with Mr. Colin Powell in the last meetings and we provided him with such facts and he did not argue on this.

We would like to pay your attention on this issue and to be aware of the repercussion of any aggression on the President's Headquarters in the near future. We call upon all Arab and International Parties to intervene for halting these Israeli plans, which are ready for execution against the President's Headquarters and against the Nativity Church in Bethlehem.

We are ready to cooperate with you on the two issues, namely the President's Headquarters in Ramallah and the Nativity Church in Bethlehem. We would like to thank President Bush once again as well as the efforts of the Secretary Powel in this difficult stage that overwhelms the entire region.

Ramallah 19/4/2002

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Ramallah, 20/4-

The terrorist Israeli occupation continue its escalation and barbaric aggression against our Palestinian people, his Christian and Islamic shrines and his institutions. They also continue to perpetrate the most heinous crimes by targeting and ransacking Palestinian houses & launching the biggest arresting campaign forcing the detainees into Nazi detention camps. In addition to the burning & ransacking of the Ministry of Higher Education.

Nablus: The Israeli barbaric occupation forces committed this evening a heinous crime against a whole family, when a military jeep deliberately run over their vehicle killing three children, the brothers Khairy and Ra'fat Bassam Shehada Awwad (11 & 13) and their cousin Farraj Hikmat Odwan (4) and critically injuring their father and brother Ahmad. Since noon, Nablus is exposed to sporadic fire by the terrorist Israeli occupation forces deliberately damaging houses & burning several vehicles and stores. Also, Ahmad Ibrahim Abu Hashish was killed when the occupation forces attacked him and destroyed his house in Ein Beit Alma'. It is worth mentioning that there are several injuries among our people.

Jenin & Salfeet: Rescue teams continue its field attempts in Jenin refugee camp to help in the rescue and recovery operations, but the existence of landmines, bombs and missiles placed by the Israeli forces hinder their attempts, where a doctor from the Red Cross lost his leg by an explosion of a landmine. Besides, three Palestinians were picked alive from under the rubble in Hawashine neighborhood in the camp. In Salfeet, where a stifling blockade is imposed, three Palestinians were wounded when the occupation forces opened fire at Palestinian houses. Also, the Nazi Israeli occupation continue its stringent blockade on all Palestinian cities, villages and refugee camps, in addition to the storming of houses and arresting of Palestinians. The occupation battle tanks invaded Jayyous village, Rafah and Beit Hanoun and opened fire at Palestinian houses injuring twenty-one Palestinians many of them critically.

The occupation forces intensified its military presence and snipers around the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and placing ladders in preparation to storm it. The occupation forces continue to impose stifling siege on the church, firing bombs at it and at all monasteries and churches preventing food & medical supplies and cutting off all means of communications. They also continue to break in Palestinian houses and arresting Palestinian residents in Beit Jala & Beit Sahour cities & Dhaisha, Eida and AL Izza refugee camps. While in Ramallah, the occupation forces intensified its activities by erecting barriers & checkpoints and deployed armored personnel carriers around the Presidential headquarter.

This is the Nazi Israeli terrorism that shows no respect to the sanctuary of this land and its shrines. Under official Islamic & Christian silence to all the crimes committed on a daily basis against our Palestinian people who defend with strong belief and steadfastness his land and holy shrines till victory and independence and the establishment of a Palestinian State with Jerusalem as its capital on the land of peace, religions and holy to all.